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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 1900 EDT)

1. Latest information on the disposition of US forces in Santo Domingo is: 1,300 marines in the western part of the city; 1,700 Airborne Forces in the San Isidro area, and 100 at the embassy.
2. Latest US casualty figures are: one marine killed, nine marines and three army soldiers wounded.
3. There is no further authoritative information on a cease-fire.
4. [redacted] during afternoon of 29 April and morning of 30 April, rebel leader Colonel Caamano had requested interviews with members of Communist Party (PSPD) who had received training in military strategy in Cuba. The PSPD members went to Caamano's headquarters for the meeting. [redacted] Caamano was trying to give the impression to US Embassy that he was willing to negotiate; he had approved passing of his telephone number to the embassy so that they could contact him for discussions.

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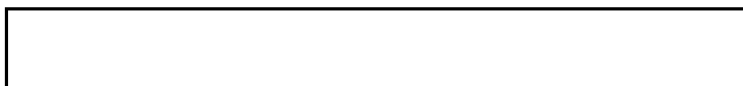
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Dominican Communist leaders--if they see that they are losing the fight--plan to place dynamite all around Parque Independencia in downtown Santo Domingo. Any antirebel troops then passing through the area will be destroyed before reaching rebel positions.



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